

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE
CANAMEX CORRIDOR THROUGH THE MARICOPA REGION**

WHEREAS, the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) recognized the need to analyze alternatives for a designated route through the Maricopa region for the CANAMEX Corridor, and accordingly conducted a study to identify a corridor,

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2000, following the recommendations of the MAG-ADOT study, the MAG Regional Council passed a resolution for the Corridor as follows: “BE IT RESOLVED that the Maricopa Association of Governments recommends the future designation of the CANAMEX Corridor within the Maricopa region to include I-8 between I-10 and SR 85, SR 85 between I-8 and I-10, and the US 93 / US 60 Wickenburg Bypass, with the connection between the SR 85 / I-10 junction and the Wickenburg Bypass to be designated following additional study but constrained to a location outside of the air quality nonattainment area for particulate matter under ten microns in diameter (PM-10) as specified in the “Revised MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10 for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area” (February 2000)”,

WHEREAS, the development of a recommendation for the remaining portion of the corridor, namely that between the SR 85 / I-10 junction and the Wickenburg Bypass, required additional stakeholder and public consultation as well as further agency review, study and consideration, involving the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) as the owner of the routes under consideration for the corridor in this area,

WHEREAS, to that end, MAG, ADOT and MCDOT have jointly conducted additional consultation and review, considering alternatives involving the Sun Valley Parkway, Wickenburg Road / Vulture Mine Road (to the Wickenburg Bypass), and Eagle Eye Road, with the following key results:

- Significant opposition to consideration of the Sun Valley Parkway alternative for designation as part of the CANAMEX Corridor was heard, including from elected officials representing the Town of Buckeye, and landowners and their representatives in the vicinity of the Sun Valley Parkway alternative,
- Representatives of the Town of Wickenburg indicated support for an alignment in the vicinity of the Wickenburg Road / Vulture Mine Road alternative,
- Eagle Eye Road is considered too far west to be a cost-effective alternative, given its greater travel distance relative to the other alternatives. Additionally, Eagle Eye Road does not connect to any of the alternatives under consideration for the Wickenburg Bypass,

WHEREAS, a timely resolution is needed in order to provide certainty to the public and to MAG member agencies as to which route is being designated and which routes are no longer being considered for the CANAMEX Corridor,

WHEREAS, both the Sun Valley Parkway and Eagle Eye Road alternatives should be eliminated from further consideration for designation as part of the CANAMEX Corridor, given the significant deficiencies associated with each of these alternatives,

WHEREAS, an alignment in the general vicinity of Wickenburg Road and Vulture Mine Road, connecting to the future Wickenburg Bypass, is the preferred alignment for designation as part of the CANAMEX Corridor,

WHEREAS, Wickenburg Road and Vulture Mine Road currently are not constructed to design or operational standards established for the CANAMEX Corridor or at a minimum to standards suitable for significant truck traffic, and are not being considered for addition to the State Highway System unless and until funding is available for upgrades to the appropriate standards,

WHEREAS, a resolution by MAG supporting an alignment in the general vicinity of the Wickenburg Road/ Vulture Mine Road alternative, and allowing for further detailed study of this segment as appropriate by ADOT and/or MCDOT, and involving MAG as appropriate, would provide the needed certainty,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Maricopa Association of Governments recommends that the designation of the CANAMEX Corridor within the Maricopa region include the following segments: I-8 between I-10 and SR 85; SR 85 between I-8 and I-10; I-10 from SR 85 to a Wickenburg Road connection; an alignment in the general vicinity of Wickenburg Road and Vulture Mine Road that connects to the future US93/US60 Wickenburg Bypass, the specific alignment of which is to be determined following the completion of needed studies by ADOT; and the future US93/US60 Wickenburg Bypass from its junction with Vulture Mine Road to US 93.

And the Wickenburg Road / Vulture Mine Road alignment shall not become eligible as a state route unless and until its design, right of way acquisition, construction and operation have been fully funded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Maricopa Association of Governments recommends that the Sun Valley Parkway and Eagle Eye Road be eliminated from further consideration for designation as part of the of the CANAMEX Corridor through Maricopa County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF THE MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS THIS 25TH DAY OF APRIL 2001.

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Mayor Skip Rimsza, Chairman
MAG Regional Council

ATTEST:

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James M. Bourey, Secretary
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